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### **Report from the City Fire Marshal**

Tonight, Mr. Billy Mitchell voluntarily vacated his South Main Street building, at the instruction of Fire Marshal Larry Godfrey. The Fire Marshal secured the building so that no one could reenter. Mrs. Surratt's building was also secured at this time.

Earlier this week during a routine monitoring of the Polycraft building adjacent to the South Main Street properties, City building inspectors and structural engineer Tad Boland found that the building was deteriorating at an accelerated rate. Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Surratt were immediately notified of this information. The City requested and received the name of Mrs. Surratt engineer.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Surratt's engineer reviewed the structural deterioration of the Polycraft and its impact on the South Main Street buildings. He agreed with the City's current assessment. This morning, representatives from the State Fire Marshal's and State Engineer's office inspected the Polycraft building and concurred with the professional analysis of the building's deteriorating condition and its potential dangerous impact on the South Main Street Buildings.

The Fire Marshal said that the City will allow Mr. Mitchell and building tenant Bo Griffin to remove their items from the buildings in a controlled, safe setting, as weather and building conditions permit.

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